

displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container; and
wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and
wherein said weighting element is a metallic threaded nut operable to allow the fluid extraction tub to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut; and

2. (Previously Submitted) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the weighting element.
3. (Cancelled) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein the weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut.
4. (Cancelled) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 3 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the metallic threaded nut.
5. (Cancelled) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein:
the weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube.
6. (Previously Submitted) The weighed fluid extraction tube of claim 1 wherein:
the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and

degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube.

7. A fluid extraction assembly, comprising:
 - a body mountable on a neck portion of a fluid container;
 - a fluid extraction tube attached at a delivery end thereof to the body, wherein the fluid extraction tube is attached in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within the fluid container and dispensed via the body; and
 - a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to a pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container; and
 - wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
 - a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and
 - wherein said weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut operable to to allow the fluid extraction tub to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut.
8. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the weighting element.
9. (Cancelled) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein the weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut.
10. (Cancelled) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 9 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately though a center of mass of the metallic threaded nut.

11. (Cancelled) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein:
the weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a
weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction
tube.
12. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein:
the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and
a degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of
the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end
of the fluid extraction tube.
13. (Previously Submitted) The fluid extraction assembly of claim 7 wherein the body is one
of a body for a manual pump non-atomizing fluid dispenser, a body for a manual pump
atomizing fluid sprayer, a body for an aerosol spray dispenser and a body for a hose-end
sprayer.
14. A fluid dispensing apparatus, comprising:
a fluid container having a neck portion and a closed end generally opposite the neck
portion;
a body mounted on the neck portion of the fluid container;
a fluid extraction tube attached at a delivery end thereof to the body, wherein the fluid
extraction tube is attached in a manner enabling fluid to be extracted from within
the fluid container and dispensed via the body; and
a weighting element attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to a pick-up end of the
fluid extraction tube, wherein the weighting element provides for displacement of
the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within
the fluid container; and

wherein said weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube; and
wherein said weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut operable to allow the fluid extraction tube to extend approximately through a center of mass of said metallic threaded nut.

15. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately through a center of mass of the weighting element.
16. (Cancelled) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein the weighting element includes a metallic threaded nut.
17. (Cancelled) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 16 wherein the fluid extraction tube extends approximately through a center of mass of the metallic threaded nut.
18. (Cancelled) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein:
the weighting element includes a bracket attached to the fluid extraction tube and a weight attached to the bracket; and
a center of mass of the weight is offset from a longitudinal axis of the fluid extraction tube.
19. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein:
the fluid extraction tube is flexible; and
a degree of flexibility of the fluid extraction tube is dependent upon a particular mass of the weighting element and a maximum specified displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube.

20. (Previously Submitted) The fluid dispensing apparatus of claim 14 wherein the body is one of a body for a manual pump non-atomizing fluid dispenser, a body for a manual pump atomizing fluid sprayer, a body for an aerosol spray dispenser and a body for a hose-end sprayer.